

My Famous Composer Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and record key information about a famous composer, identifying their musical style and contributions to history.

Choose a famous composer you are interested in. Use library books or reliable websites to research their life and music. Fill in the boxes below to build your own fact-file. Remember to use full sentences and check your spelling.

Word bank: Orchestra · Symphony · Instrument · Melody · Notation · Baroque · Classical · Romantic · Performance · Composition

1. Composer's Name and Dates: Write the name of your composer and the years they were born and died. (2 marks)

2. Early Life: Where was the composer born, and what was their childhood like? Did they start learning music at a young age? (4 marks)

3. Musical Style: Describe the music they wrote. Was it fast or slow? Was it written for an orchestra or a solo instrument? (4 marks)

4. Famous Works: Name one or two of their most famous pieces of music. Can you describe how the music makes you feel when you listen to it? (4 marks)

5. Interesting Fact: What is the most surprising or impressive thing you discovered about this composer? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Max the monkey. If you were going to write a math-based musical piece, how would you use patterns and counting to create the rhythm? Write a short plan for your own composition.